

Application No. 10/588,545
AMENDMENT dated April 11, 2012
Reply to Office Action of January 11, 2012
Attorney Docket 7383-88964-US

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.84(p)(4). Specifically, Figure 17 is objected to because reference character "208" has been used to designate both a fluid and a flexible portion. Figure 19 is objected to because the element numeral 236 located in the cylinder should be labeled 235.

Figure 17 is amended to replace the reference character "208" on the left hand side of the support structure with the reference character "213." Figure 19 is amended to replace the element numeral "236" located in the cylinder with element numeral "235."

Attachments: Annotated Sheets 14/21 and 15/21
 Replacement Sheets 14/21 and 15/21

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REMARKS

Claims 30-32 are rejected, while claims 1-5, 8-11, 14, 15, 17-29, and 46 are allowed and claims 6, 7, 12, 13, 16, and 33-35 are objected to. Claims 30-32 and 36-45 are canceled herein. Claims 6, 7, 12, 13, 16, and 33 have been amended herein. Therefore, claims 1-29, 33-35, and 46 are pending and at issue. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 6, 7, 12, 13, 16, and 33-35 contain allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks herein.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6, 7, 12, 13, 16, and 33-35 are objected to for various informalities. Claims 6, 7, 12, 13, and 16 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Further, claim 33, from which claims 34 and 35 depend, has been amended into independent form to include the features of claim 32, from which it previously depended. Therefore, the amended claims should be allowed.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(4). Figure 17 is amended to replace the reference character "208" on the left hand side of the support structure with the reference character "213." Figure 19 is amended to replace the element numeral "236" located in the cylinder with element numeral "235." Therefore, this objection should be withdrawn.

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Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the word “means” is used. The abstract has been amended as proposed by the Examiner to remove the term. Therefore, this objection should be withdrawn.

The disclosure is objected to for various informalities. The specification has been amended as proposed by the Examiner to correct the informalities. Therefore, this objection should be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claims 6, 7, 12, 13, and 16 are objected to for various informalities. These claims have been amended as proposed by the Examiner to correct the informalities. Therefore, this objection should be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 30-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by German Patent No. DE 41 19 762 to Sauthoff. Claims 30-32 have been canceled such that this rejection is no longer at issue.

As all remaining claims have either been allowed or are now in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the present application.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required with respect to this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,
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Appendix